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Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment  
Advancement

Introduced by:  
(HED)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE CREATION  
OF AN INNOVATION CORPS OF NEW BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY  
LEADERS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force  
2       to study the creation of an Innovation Corps of new talented business  
3       and industry leaders in Connecticut. Such study shall include, but not  
4       be limited to, an examination of issues regarding (1) the establishment  
5       of international connections with companies and institutions of higher  
6       education in this state and cultivating the next generation of business  
7       innovation leaders in this state; (2) the provision of incentives through  
8       international competitions for such business innovation leaders to  
9       come to this state and, for such business innovation leaders already  
10      located in this state, to remain and contribute to an innovation-based  
11      culture in this state; (3) the development of a global business plan,  
12      including, but not limited to, holding international competitions in  
13      which prizes, stipends and first-year investments are awarded to  
14      international business and industry workers who relocate to and  
15      establish their businesses in this state; (4) payments to key companies

16 in this state for the cost of acquiring business interns and making a  
17 commitment to hire such interns upon their successful completion of  
18 the first year of their internship; (5) the offering of fellowships to top  
19 entrepreneurs who spend one year developing a new firm in this state;  
20 and (6) the use of social media and other new technologies to  
21 encourage socially useful community-based projects to compete for a  
22 stipend, corporate support and funding.

23 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

24 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

25 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

26 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
27 Representatives;

28 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

29 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
30 Representatives;

31 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

32 (7) The Commissioner of Higher Education, or the commissioner's  
33 designee; and

34 (8) Two persons appointed by the Governor.

35 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
36 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member  
37 of the General Assembly.

38 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than  
39 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be  
40 filled by the appointing authority.

41 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president

42 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force  
 43 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall  
 44 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not  
 45 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

46 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
 47 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher  
 48 education and employment advancement shall serve as administrative  
 49 staff of the task force.

50 (g) Not later than January 1, 2012, the task force shall submit a  
 51 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing  
 52 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
 53 relating to higher education and employment advancement, in  
 54 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.  
 55 The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or  
 56 January 1, 2012, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To study issues regarding the creation of an Innovation Corps of new, talented business and industry leaders in Connecticut.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*